Primary Education as a Fundamental Right

849. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2677 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1996 and state:

(a) whether a Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of State for Education has since been set-up to consider the financial, administrative, legal and academic implications of the proposal referred to therein;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the question of mobilising funds/financial implications of the proposal likely to be placed before the above Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Committee was constituted vide Government Order No. F. 1-53/92-EE, dated the 29 August, 1996.

(c) The Committee is inter-alia looking into the financial aspects of the proposal.

मध्य प्रदेश में गन्नों का जलाया जाना

850. श्री रामजी: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में किसानों को वर्ष 1996 में अपना गन्ना जलाना पड़ा;

(ख) इस प्रकार जलाए गए गन्नों का कुल मूल्य कितना है;

(ग) क्या किसानों को कोई मुआवजा दिया गया; यदि हां, तो कितने किसानों को कितनी राशि का मुआवजा दिया गया; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Improvement in the productivity of Milch Cattle

851. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made by Government to increase the productivity of milch cattle by genetic Upgradation, improving, feed, fodder availability etc. in Gujarat and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the availability of milk in the country is much below the nutritional requirement recommended by the ICMR;

(d) if, so the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. In Gujarat we are implementing Associated Herd Progeny Testing and ETT Programme for improving the production of Gir and Kankrej cattle as well as Central Herd Registration Scheme. The registration programme is being run for Gir, Kankrej cattle and Jafrabadi and Surti buffaloes. Government of India is also running a Central Cattle Breeding Farm at Dhamrod, district Surat and Regional Station for Forage Production and Demonstration, Gandhinagar.

(b) The following schemes are being implemented:—

(1) National Bull Production Programmes for increasing productivity of livestock in the country.

(2) Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and field progeny testing programme for providing better breeding facilities in the country.

(3) 7 Cattle breeding farms and one frozen semen production and training institute have been established for providing semen and bulls to the State Governments and otiier agencies for better breeding coverage.

(4) For increasing availability of feed and fodder number of centrally sponsored schemes

are run for providing central assistance to the State Governments, such as Establishment of Fodder Banks, Mini Kit Fodder Seed distribution, Enrichment of Cellulosic waste, Silvi Pastures, etc. Seven RSFP&D and one large fodder seed production farm have been established.

(c) and (d): As per ICMR recommendation minimum requirement of milk per head per day is 220 gms. whereas availability of milk per head per day is 197 gms.

(e) The above mentioned schemes are the remedies for making available more milk per head per day in the country.

Replacement of old bogies in Kerala-bound trains

852. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the old bogies attached to the long distance Kerala-bound trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) All passenger coaches running on long distance Kerala bound trains are within their useful economic life.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Regulation of service conditions of private school teachers

853. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to enact laws for regulating service conditions of teachers in private schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The enactment of laws for regulating the service conditions of teachers woujd have to be preceded by consultation with the State Govemments/UTs etc. To enable the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) to take a view in this regard action has been initiated to obtain the views and suggestions of the State/UT Govts.

New pricing norms for decontrolled fertilizers

854. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new pricing norms for decontrolled fertilizers for the winter cropping season;

(b) the reasons for announcing the norms late;

(c) whether there are differences between the States and the fertilizers producers over the unremunerative prices; and

(d) the action taken to resolve the differences?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The price, distribution and movement of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers are decontrolled. As such, there are no pricing norms for the decontrolled fertilizers. However, guidelines were issued to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to negotiate and arrive at the prices most advantageous to the farmers after taking all relevant factors into account.

(c) and (d) The Maximum Retail Prices are announced by the State Governments only after negotiations with the concerned fertilizer supplying agencies.

गेहूं की खेती का बढ़ावा देना

855. श्री राम जेठमलानी:
श्री कृष्ण कुमार बिरला:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद ने गेहूं के उत्पादन का बढ़ाने के लिये और अधिक क्षेत्रों में गेहूं की खेती किए जाने की सिफारिश की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;